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SUBJECT: FY 05 MRP: "ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND THE WORLD ECONOMY," JUNE 23 - JULY 14, 2005 - PROGRAM EVALUATION

11. FOLLOWING IS THE EVDB EVALUATION OF SUBJECT PROGRAM:

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ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VM-2005-0030

PROJ-NAME: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND THE WORLD ECONOMY

CPTHEME: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

START MEMO IMPACT:

MR. GAITH BAKRI THOUGHT THE PROGRAM WAS "FANTASTIC" AND VERY USEFUL FOR THE INITIATIVES HE IS INVOLVED IN HERE IN JORDAN TO EXPAND PUBLIC-PRIVATE E-COMMERCE PARTNERSHIPS.

HE FOUND THE WASHINGTON, DC, SEGMENT OF THE TRIP THE MOST USEFUL FOR HIS WORK AS HE LEARNED MANY STRATEGIES AND PROCEDURES FOR GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZE ENTERPRISES. HE IS LOOKING FOR "ROLE MODELS" FOR HIS EMPLOYER, THE JORDAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AS IT DEFINES ITS MISSION AND ACTIVITIES. IN TERMS OF RELEVANCE TO HIS WORK AND FOR THE QUALITY OF THEIR PRESENTATIONS, HE PARTICULARLY LIKED THE MEETINGS WITH KEN SCHAGRIN OF THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, LAUREN SAADAT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, JANE BOORMAN AND JAMES VAN WERT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND HUGH STEVENSON OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP WAS THE DIVERSITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS. HE THOUGHT IT WAS VERY USEFUL TO HAVE SUCH A WIDE ARRAY OF COUNTRIES AND PROFESSIONS REPRESENTED AS THEY WERE ABLE TO SHARE IDEAS, PROGRAMS, AND STRATEGIES FROM MANY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AND SYSTEMS. HE WAS ALSO ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT E-COMMERCE PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD AND THINK THROUGH WAYS TO ANTICIPATE FUTURE CHALLENGES IN JORDAN.

HE HIGHLY ENJOYED THE HOMESTAYS AND THOUGHT THEY WERE A GREAT IDEA.

HE WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE YAHOO GROUP CREATED TO HELP THE ALUMNI KEEP IN TOUCH, AND WAS PLEASED THAT ONLY THREE WEEKS AFTER THE PROGRAM THERE WERE ALREADY 167 MESSAGES WITHIN THE GROUP.

HIS ONLY SUGGESTED AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT WAS TO HAVE THE PRE-PROGRAM MATERIALS SENT EARLIER AND VIA EMAIL SO THERE IS LESS HASSLE THAN USING MAIL OR FAX.

HE AND THREE OTHER PARTICIPANTS HAD A MINOR PROBLEM AT TWO AIRPORTS AS THEIR E-TICKETS WERE CANCELED OR NOT CORRECT. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OFFICERS WERE ABLE TO FIX THE PROBLEM RIGHT AT THE COUNTER, HOWEVER, SO THE DELAY WAS MINIMAL.

END MEMO IMPACT:

START MEMO AUDIENCE-REACHED:

MR. GAITH BAKRI IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES AND PROJECT DEPARTMENT AT THE NEW GOVERNMENT-OWNED JORDAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. HE IS INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO HELP DEVELOP JORDANIAN INDUSTRY'S E-COMMERCE POTENTIAL. THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING TO EXPAND ITS PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR SO THIS PROGRAM CAME AT A GOOD TIME FOR ONE OF ITS KEY REPRESENTATIVES.

END MEMO AUDIENCE-REACHED:

ECA-PROGRAM-OFFICE-RATING: 5

START MEMO ECA-PROG-OFFICE-COMMENT:

END MEMO ECA-PROG-OFFICE-COMMENT:

PROGRAM-AGENCY-RATING: 5

START MEMO PROG-AGENCY-COMMENT:

BOTH SANDRA AND AMY FROM ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WERE VERY HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY.

END MEMO PROG-AGENCY-COMMENT:

START ESCORT-INTERPRETER-EVALUATION:

ESCORT-INTERPRETER: ISABELLE ZSOLDOS

RATING: 5

START MEMO COMMENT:

ISABELLE WAS "VERY WELL ORGANIZED" AND GAVE THE GROUP A VERY WARM WELCOME.

END MEMO COMMENT:
END ESCORT-INTERPRETER-EVALUATION:
START ESCORT-INTERPRETER-EVALUATION:
ESCORT-INTERPRETER: ROBERT HADJICK
RATING: 5
START MEMO COMMENT:
HE HIGHLY APPRECIATED ROBERT'S EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE A
SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR HIM. IT MADE HIM FEEL VERY
WELCOME.
END MEMO COMMENT:
END ESCORT-INTERPRETER-EVALUATION:
END PROJECT-EVAL-REC:

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